

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. SCHROEDER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2202. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, and for other purposes.

## APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO BRITISH-AMERICAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 168(b) of Public Law 102-138, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. HAMILTON of Indiana, Mr. LANTOS of California, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut.

There was no objection.

## APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO ADVISORY BOARD ON WELFARE INDICATORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 232(c)(2) of Public Law 102-432, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment to the Advisory Board on Welfare Indicators the following Members on the part of the House: Ms. Eloise Anderson of California, Mr. Wade F. Horn of Maryland, Mr. Marvin H. Kesters of Virginia, and Mr. Robert Greenstein of the District of Columbia.

There was no objection.

## TAX FREEDOM DAY

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Finally, Mr. Speaker, finally. Today finally is the day that the average American can stop working for the Government and finally start working for his or her family. For the average working American, every dime from every working hour of every working day from January 1st until today has been devoted entirely to paying taxes to the Government. Today, tax freedom day, finally arrives, but only after the Government has taken a bigger piece than ever before out of the hide of the taxpaying citizen.

We need to stop bilking the taxpayers and we need to let families keep more of what they earn. Those insiders who defend the current tax system and the huge burden that it imposes on working families practice cruelty in the name of compassion. Those who deny working parents tax relief while shouting tax cuts for the rich are practicing distortion in the service of big government.

Enough is enough, Mr. Speaker. On this tax freedom day, let us pledge that never again will the Government take so much time out of the lives of its citizens. Instead of vetoing tax relief, let us veto some taxes.

## GAS TAX REPEAL

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership continues to put special interests first and working families dead last. Now they want to cut education to give a windfall to big oil.

I support repealing the gas tax. But it must help consumers rather than the oil companies. In the last week, the wholesale price of gas has fallen by 4.4 cents. But the retail price is up two-tenths of a cent. The money should go into the pockets of consumers through lower prices at the pump. But Republicans are willing to let the money go into the bulging bank accounts of big oil instead.

My Republican colleagues are falling all over themselves to shell out this windfall to big oil. Could it be because 90 percent of the \$2.1 million oil and gas companies gave in campaign contributions went to Republicans? Is that why they want to cut education rather than cutting corporate welfare to pay for the gas tax?

We can repeal the gas tax. But let's put working families first by making sure they get the benefit rather than getting the shaft.

## SUPERFUND PROGRAM

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow afternoon, Congressman DAVID MCINTOSH, chairman of the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, will

be having a public hearing on the Superfund Program.

The purpose of this hearing is to stress the urgent need to put politics aside and reform the Superfund Program for the sake of public health and the environment. Since 1980, only 291 of the 1,289 sites have been cleaned up.

President Clinton, State and local governments, businesses large and small, environmental groups, and local communities alike agree that the current program is not doing its job to clean up hazardous waste sites quickly and effectively. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimates that the average time for cleanup per site is between 12 and 15 years, at a cost of over \$31 million.

Moreover, as each day passes without fundamental reform, cleanups continue to be impeded by significant bureaucratic delays and endless legal battles. Legislation is needed to address these concerns.

This must stop. Mr. Speaker, Americans expect these sites to be cleaned up without further delay and unneeded expense.

## REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN FOR WOMEN VOTERS

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, there were 2 very interesting stories on the news wire today. First of all, Majority Leader DOLE was addressing a convention in a western State and he said very strongly: Do not send Washington another PAT SCHROEDER. Hey, thanks, BOB. I am hoping we do not send the White House a BOB DOLE, but that is OK.

And then I also read on the wire today that Speaker GINGRICH gave a speech and said that he felt that the Democrats' advantage with women voters was just artificial and he was going to lead a public relations campaign to turn this around.

Hang on, women. Who knows what will happen. First we saw him with little animals. Now it is going to be interesting to see what we see him with in this whole campaign. But I must say, once women got the right to vote, we also have the right to read and we also have the right to drive cars and all sorts of things.

I think it is going to take more than a public relations campaign to paint over the record the people on the other side have built up. There is a reason.

## THE LIBERAL RECORD

(Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, this past year-and-a-half we have heard a lot of complaining from the